

## CLEANINGS FROM THE GLADES

Threshed Out In Belle Glade

By PHIL CLARKE

### ADDENDUM TO MOSQUITO CONTROL—

That irate ex-gentleman of the press, whose idea on mosquito control we expounded in this column last week, has been the recipient of a letter of attention from editors and officials here and there.

In the Fort Myers News-Press, we read a sympathetic editorial entitled "Airplane Spraying." It read a letter of too polite criticism from the office of a large oil company engaged in the manufacture and sale of insect spray, and then one morning last week we found on our desk another important letter from the originator of the whole blasted scheme, censuring those "infectious creatures" who far more than any other personal matters and partisan politics than the business of creating industries and bettering social conditions.

A pair of mighty might mosquitoes, the blades out of which I was reading the editorial, as if to add emphasis to the accursed words of our anonymous ambassador of aches, it seems as if the "spray" idea in my mind like a mosquito bit in my skin. It has "got" me.

He says, in part: "There is said to be need for utilizing idle land and labor in this region. If, so, however, the source of the pest is something about it, instead of setting on their posterior extremity and mousing."

Pyrethrum and derris powder are the bases of most insecticides. There is a shortage of both of them. Has anyone of your acquaintance any information about the sites of production of the sources of derris powder and pyrethrum. (This clue is looking into this now.)

"I want some one to tell me whether any investigations have been made as to the practicability of producing in the Pahokee-Belle Glade area the source of the bases of these insecticides."

"In this suggestion may be the source of a lot of further use of the land and labor, and, in the end, to the end that an adequate and cheap and immediately-available insecticide of insecticides may be had."

"Large supplies of insecticides at low prices are desirable for the control of the white fly, the pest and pyrethrum are used to combat white fly, mosquitoes and other pests."

"The people at the Everglades Experiment Station have their work laid out on schedules—there is no short of calling out the compensation warrants, but Chambers of Commerce and individuals who are interested in the final studies of subjects as highly important as this."

"The writer of this letter is asking for information as to the basis of elements described by an official of a large oil company as an inadequate, to successfully fight mosquitoes on a large scale."

"You know, I have kind of a sneaking hunch this fellow may be a little short of calling out the army, the navy and maybe even the marine corps."

"One little statement stirred me from my lethargy. A local physician is reported to have said that upon examination, of six mosquitoes he was unable to find any contained malarial germ."

"Not a scare bomb, just plain facts."

THE FAIRM SOCIETY AND ANTI-SLAVERY ADVERTISERS will start work on their two migratory laborers camps by August 12, so it is reported. In answer to the questions about all this and if the camps will be started, the deadline for commencement of building operations is my only answer.

At any rate, I believe it is too late in the game to start talking about calling the troops. It is understood that the two projects for Belle Glade were among the first to be approved by the Congress turned down for future expenditure for camp establishment.

## Engineers' Perfect Hurricane Season Program For Area

Short Wave Radio Stations  
To Be Used By Government

United States engineers in the Lake Okechobee district received last week detailed instructions to be followed in event of hurricane disaster. The instructions were practically the same as given out in previous years and call for organization of personnel into, effective units at times of danger.

The U. S. Engineer Corps office at Cleveland announced that the hurricane season officially opened June 1 and will continue until late fall. The month of September is considered the most critical period of the season.

Contained in the instruction details are schedules of names with which the U. S. Engineer Corps assumed various duties as hurricane approach. The entire organization will be active for a 24-hour period during the emergency with a crew manning the hurricane gates, another the patrol boats and others attending to additional protective measures.

Each man on duty at the hurricane gates is to provide enough food for himself and his family. The government has made arrangements to supply food for the emergency forces longer than the usual time.

The newly-installed radio system is expected to greatly simplify communication between the various established units and to aid in the control of the emergency forces and protecting government property during storm periods. The district engineer will be in direct and constant communication with the entire organization through the "short-wave" radio system.

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Representative Peterson, Florida Congressman, said this week that the U. S. Army Engineers have made an interim report, recommending additional improvements in the Lake Okechobee area, including the construction of a new drainage area project.

Major General Julian L. Schley, chief of the Army Engineers Corps, and other government engineers made an inspection trip of the development several months ago with an idea to add additional improvement projects.

Kozy Korner Open, Serves Fine Food

There is at least one business house in Belle Glade that has enjoyed a bumper crop of customers these past few days. It is the Kozy Korner, located at the corner of Avenue A and Second Street.

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## Here's Reasons For Glades Infestation By Flimsy-Winged Messengers Of Itch

For the benefit of those embattled people of the Glades, who, for the past several weeks, have awaited the flimsy-winged messengers of itch, known more popularly as mosquitoes, and for the benefit of any other persons who might care, we herewith explain the cause, reason or whatnot, for the infestation of said mosquitoes.

It seems as if the Glades variety of "kicks," the medium-sized black type, has a unique method of propagation. Instead of laying its eggs on stagnant pools or on other bodies of water, the insect lays them directly in the mud.

Every three or four days, they are ready to begin their careers, starting of sucking blood from its hosts. The mosquitoes are very persistent, and they will continue to suck blood from its hosts for a long time.

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The only serious malarial carrier by the common black Everglades mosquito is an animal disease known as "dirofilaria," or heart worm. Insect mosquito bites will affect most commonly cats and dogs. Owners of these pets should be careful not to expose them to severe mosquito attacks.

The dangerous "anopheles," or malarial mosquito, fortunately is not found in any great numbers in this area. The most common way to identify this type is by observation of this sucking habit.

Cattle have been affected to some extent by the malarial parasites during the past few weeks. Their effects were especially noted at the Everglades Experiment Station, where weight counts and hemoglobin counts of blood were checked.

The average life span of the mosquito is about 10 days. According to this knowledge, the recent mosquito infestation should have considerably lessened long ago.

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TO DISCUSS BANK AT Chamber Meet

James F. Scullen, president of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that a very important public meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday night at the Woman's Club building.

Discussion will center around the subject of the bank. The public is invited to attend the meeting which will also be attended by a delegation from West Palm Beach.

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## Sugar Company Is Sued For \$25,000

An accident that took place Jan. 20, 1939, in the Everglades is the basis of a \$25,000 lawsuit in which the declaration was filed Monday in circuit court by Arthur J. Lisk against the United States Sugar Corporation. Joseph S. White is attorney for the plaintiff.

According to the declaration, Lisk was severely injured when an automobile he was driving was struck by a train that is operated under the Sugar Company's control. Damages were sought, i.e., hospital bills, injuries, loss of work, time, etc. The Palm Beach Post.

Government's New  
Hyacinth Machine  
Clears WPB Canal

The United States Engineers have brought a machine to the Lake Okechobee region that will actually clear hyacinth out of canals and ditches in a hurry. The specially built machine was put in operation Monday afternoon and is doing an excellent job of unhooking the West Palm Beach canal.

The old derrick dock D-1 was used to move the machine (fitted with a special boom and slatted bucket for the hyacinth exterminator). Expect to see the machine working from shifts along the West Palm Beach canal, aided by a couple of tug boats in the near-puffing and chugging and pushing as the machine eats its way through the thick growth of the "weed enchid."

This newspaper's navigation and drainage editor isn't up on what it should be to move hyacinth from canals, but from the speed with which the new machine is moving it is safe to say that it is being moved at a nominal cost. More than two miles of growth have been moved in two and one-half working days.

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## Street Building Survey Approved By Town Council

Karl Riddle and H. D. Beck to Survey Conditions; Election Will Decide

Improvement of the street system in Belle Glade came up for discussion at Wednesday night's session of the town council. Upon the recommendation of H. T. Holloway, Belle Glade contractor, the council acted to appoint Karl Riddle, West Palm Beach engineer, and Attorney H. D. Beck as committee to investigate conditions of roads, draw up plans for new streets and reconstruction of old ones, and submit on legal methods of assessment to finance the improvement project.

Mr. Riddle agreed to draw up plans for the program and submit estimate, assisting Mr. Beck in establishment of assessments, for percent of the appropriation of funds, providing the freeholders voted favorably for the bonding issue at a proposed election. Discussion took place concerning the issue, but the issue does not carry. Mr. Riddle will not receive compensation for his services.

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## Color Is Little Of Water Is Okeh

Those of us who have been wondering of late just what has happened to the Belle Glade city water to give it the appearance of yellowish color, may now know that the water is as pure as ever even if it is slightly discolored.

Frank Kelly, town waterworks superintendent, said there was absolutely no cause for alarm as the treating system is continuously removing all impurities in the water before it is sent through the mains to your home tap. He accounted for the yellowish color of the water as a condition of the canal water, swollen by water drained from the first successful hyacinth removing machine.

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## Community Happenings

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Social And Personal . . . Fraternal And Civic Clubs

Kermit Dell, who is working in Miami, called on friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Corbin and daughter, Cheryl, have returned from a vacation spent with relatives in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidder, who recently returned from their vacation, tell us of spending the day with Mr. Freeman Sheldon and children, former residents of Belle Glade, now residing in Rochester, Mich. We are glad to learn Mr. Sheldon is a reader of The Belle Glade News which keeps him informed of the activities of our growing town.

The Women's Missionary Union was in charge of the services Sunday night at the First Baptist



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## "LETTERS OF A SAILOR"

Dear Phil:

Last week (on Monday) we went to Southampton, England, so that the other could call off the "Queen Mary," one of the largest and fastest ships afloat. It makes the transatlantic crossing in 3 days, is 1029 feet long and weighs over 18,000 tons. It is a mighty ship, a 3-stacker, and has three swimming pools. On our last visit to Southampton we had a view of the famous old 4-stacker "Aquitania," as I may have mentioned previously.

While we were in Southampton we took on the propeller which we had been on leaving the U. S. and which had been left to be repaired. It was hauled on by a winch and a block and tackle hung from the ship's side. While we were there we saw the "Vanderbilt Clipper," the trans-Atlantic plane, come in.

It seemed as though war-preparations have slackened off somewhat in the last few weeks, at least as far as plane flights and mass maneuvers are concerned. We were anchored very near a seaplane base. However, England is having a "black-out" soon, in practice for air raids. There are many shops, in both England and Belgium that sell gas masks and other war equipment, even candles for incendiary bombs. When we left Southampton, on Thursday at about 5 o'clock in the evening, we passed a great number of British battleships, plane carriers, cruisers, etc., and came within a hundred yards of a submarine.

Just as we had a very strong wind, we took off all covers and hung out the "lammy," staying up all night, making up sails as we approached Dover in the morning through low clouds which obscured the tops of the English Dover cliffs and through occasional rain squalls.

The wind was blowing so hard that we had trouble making a headway in the harbor behind a breakwater of water. We put out a number of anchors and even tied the port anchor and even tied to a wire cable. And then we pulled up the anchor and went to closing up the ship. I had been on the bridge, steering by gyro-compass and radar indicator all night and had a good sleep about 1 1/2 hours sleep in the last thirty.

At 3:30 o'clock the next morning we left for Ostende, Belgium, a famous sea resort by the coast where we now are. The tide is so low that the English channel, that looks so essential to a good harbor to keep the water level constant, otherwise a ship will rise and fall and drift, pointing first one way and then another.

We have had all sorts of people aboard as guests of the ambassador, the King, Queen and princess of Belgium, dukes, counts, barons, counts, etc. We were the guests of one of our visitors, a Mr. Tuck, a few weeks ago, and went to Waterloo to see the battlefields there. By the way, some of these nobles are just as worthless and parasitic as you have portrayed in the movies; one kept hanging around for meals until the owner told the lunchman not to bring him around, and he stayed around shore until he could not be ignored. Another fell downstairs and broke his leg while drunk. Still another was so intoxicated that he put on a white sheet and a dark one and the women "pass out" in the poopdeck and stay there all night.

Tomorrow we air out the sails as it has rained a lot lately and we will sail to Antwerp. On the fifteenth we start for New York, via the Azores and Bermuda.

A lot of the fellows have been jumping ship for several days, and I have had a "long" day off since leaving Jacksonville and am thinking of leaving for Germany, Italy, Spain and France next week. Cost only about \$25 as Europe is so small.

About a month ago I missed the 10 o'clock launch to the ship as we were anchored off shore. This was the last boat and so I hired a fellow in a kayak to paddle me out. There was such a strong tide that we couldn't make it from the stern to the gangway and after several narrow escapes the kayak swung sideways, hit the side of the ship, and capsize, throwing me both into the water. I managed to crawl on the overturned boat while the other fellow grabbed the rudder of the "Sea Cloud." We belched "belly" but in no time I was out of earshot of the "Sea Cloud," and believed I was in the bottom of the sea. I was worried about the other fellow as I didn't know that he had grabbed the rudder of the ship. The

## LaBelle Market To Open On August 2; Barbecue, Dance

### Free Barbecue And Dance Are Features Of Day's Program

LaBelle—Auction sales will be held the first Wednesday of every month at LaBelle's new State Livestock and Produce Market at the beginning and the first side will be the main feature of the opening day program of Wednesday, August 2, which will also include a free barbecue and dance with brief talks by officials of the market.

Manager J. C. Jackson stated that sales will take place once a month until producers become better organized and are in position to furnish a continuous supply of livestock justifying holding sales more often.

Talks by visiting officials will begin at 10 a. m. after which an inspection of the market and sales will be made. The free barbecue will be served from 11:50 till 12:45 and the auction will start promptly at 1 o'clock. Manager Jackson requests attendance to bring in their stock as early as possible to avoid last minute crowding and confusion, and asks that the number promised him be supplied in order to avoid disappointing buyers who are being informed what amount to expect. Jackson states there will be a carload of horses brought in and possibly a few pigs. State Marketing Specialist H. H. Lewis is cooperating with County Agent Grover C. Hodges, manager and producer in aiding LaBelle to get started right on her first sale.

### Jameson Suggests Boys' and Girls' Camp

The probability of establishing a Boys' and Girls' Camp at LaBelle Community project was advanced by the Rev. J. O. Jameson at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the LaBelle Community Club.

The idea of establishing the boys' and girls' camp came as a result of the LaBelle Community Club, which is being held for the sixth consecutive summer at the Community Methodist Church. Bible study, recreation and creative activities such as handicraft and needlework are combined in such a manner as to give over a hundred boys and girls comprehensive training in Biblical worship, cooperation and the development of latent leadership ability, materially aid the child in the vocation in which he might be most interested.

At present, Rev. Jameson states, children enrolled are between the ages of 4 and 15, and are divided into three departments, primary, juniors and intermediate. Older children have in many instances been called upon to serve as junior leaders and thereby receive training in leadership. The membership of this school has increased each year and at present numbers 109.

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Rev. Jameson is conducting the school with the aid of a visiting pastor, Rev. W. C. McGarity, and local leaders, for a period of two weeks.

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## Street Building—

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tion. Other notes due the Bank of Pahokee were recommended to be handled in a similar manner.

Mr. Kiddle was asked to make a survey of property allegedly being flooded from water runoff on Avenue A and to advise the council as to cost of correcting the drainage. C. E. Riedel, local landowner, registered the complaint, stating that the drainage present on a small tract of land is flooding a septic tank on the lot.

Mayor Arthur Wells reported that the serious condition of a number of indigent families in Belle Glade had been largely corrected and that pressure for relief had been relieved to a large extent. He said he wrote to Representative A. Pat Cannon concerning the plight of various destitute families in the area and had been advised there was a national government agency delegated to assist and relieve such conditions.

He wrote the local agency head at Bradenton but has received no answer to date.

### Kelsey City Gets Federal Building Fund

A story coming out of Washington this week is to the effect that Lake Park (formerly Kelsey City) has received a WPA project for recreational parks in the amount of \$12,555.00. The project has been approved by President Roosevelt and disposition of the matter rests in the hands of Roy Schroeder, State WPA administrator.

## Rashley To Move To New Quarters

J. W. Rashley, Belle Glade watchmaker, announced this week he will open up his shop in new quarters in Lamb's new building, August 1. Mr. Rashley will occupy the main section of the two-story building, recently finished by Mr. Lamb. His store space in Nick Jones' building on Avenue A will be occupied by Rex's Barber Shop, it was learned.

## Pahokee Lions Name Committees

The Pahokee Lions club board of directors, in session Friday night, named chairmen for the various club committees and discussed plans for the coming year.

The following appointments were made: attendance committee, Jerry Gold, chairman; constitution and by-laws, Archie Harris; convention, Merle Williams; finance, Gordon Vann; membership, T. C. Richardson; program, George M. Bell; citizenship and patriotism, Bob Williams; boys and girls work, Frank Honick; health and welfare, Robert Walker; civic improvement and community betterment, J. P. McLaughlin; education, Carmen Salvatore. Each chairman will choose the members of his committee.

## IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY

**Palm Beach County, Florida.**  
In the case of **JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, Plaintiff, vs. J. P. McLAUGHLIN, Defendant.** The court has rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff, J. P. McLaughlin, for the sum of \$100.00, plus costs. The court has also rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff, J. P. McLaughlin, for the sum of \$100.00, plus costs. The court has also rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff, J. P. McLaughlin, for the sum of \$100.00, plus costs.

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